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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Suspended Action***

1. The action of this application has been suspended a third time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.176 and 1.177 (MPEP articles 1450 and 1451) since no changes in this application 09/917,035 have been made to correct an error in the original patent 5,944,617 and remaining reissue applications exists (10/135,682). Should prosecution of all reissues of original patent 5,944,617 result in no changes to claims allowable, the necessity of a reissue under 35 U.S.C. 251 will be evaluated because in this instant case (09/917,035) there appears to be no cure for an error since no claims have been amended or added and the subject matter entered into the specification was already present by the incorporation by reference to the parent patent 5,653,643 (08/560,699) (Col. 2, Lns. 28-33). The examiner will reinitiate action on this case once all issues are resolved in the remaining reissue applications. *Ex parte* prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Blau whose telephone number is (703) 308-2712. The examiner is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. If the

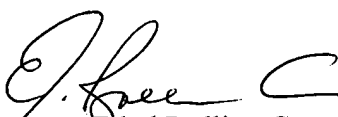

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examiner is unavailable you can contact his supervisor Greg Vidovich whose telephone number is (703) 308-1513. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858. (TC 3700 Official Fax 703-872-9306)

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